(b) if so what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for not using this most democratic way of solving the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government are of the view that this border dispute can be resolved only with the willing co-operation of the State Governments concerned and towards this end the Central Government will extend all possible assistance to them.

Terrorists regrouping in Gujarat

1091. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported news-item captioned "Terrorists re-grouping in Gujarat;"

(b) whether it is a fact that terrorists have now made their re-grouping point in Gujarat; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Central Government thereto and what further steps Government propose to take to deal with the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Government have seen the newspaper report.

(b) and (c) The information is being obtained from the Government of Gujarat and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on receipt.

Cancellation of Contract for Modernisation by NTC

1092. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the subsidiaries of National Textile Corporation Ltd., New Delhi have quite often been cancelling the contract awards given to various parties for carrying out modernisation programmes without settling their accounts;

(b) whether due to such irregular termination of contracts, huge amount has become due to the parties against NTC subsidiaries;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the total number of contracts thus cancelled during the last three years by each subsidiary and amount of dues which are awaiting clearance; and

(d) what steps are being taken to revive such contracts so that the Corporation do not incur further losses?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d) While in some cases contracts have been cancelled by NTC subsidiaries, it is not correct that due to such termination of contracts a huge amount has become due to the parties against NTC subsidiaries. On the contrary, in most such cases subsidiaries have to receive back the amount of advances.